

of said institution shall require of all patients who are able to pay, including those having persons upon whom they are legally dependent who are able to pay the reasonable cost of treatment and care of said institution, and they shall make such by-laws and regulations as shall most equitably carry out the directions contained in section seven thousand one hundred and seventy-three of this article. In case those persons upon whom patients are legally dependent or patients not indigent shall refuse to pay such charges for treatment and care, then said directors are authorized and empowered to institute an action in the name of the said Sanatorium in the Superior Court of Hoke County for the collection thereof, and if the amount so charged is less than two hundred dollars (\$200), then said action shall be instituted in the county where the defendant resides in a court having jurisdiction thereof; and upon said trial the charges so made shall be collectible, as upon express promise to pay the same."

Patients or persons upon whom they are legally dependent required to pay when able.

Action to recover cost of treatment.

When charges are less than \$200.

Charges collectible as upon express promise to pay.

SEC. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. That this action shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

## CHAPTER 87

### AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1143 OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, RELATIVE TO THE TERMS OF COURT OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. That section one thousand one hundred and forty-three of the Consolidated Statutes be and the same is hereby amended by striking out all the words of said section commencing with the word "Halifax" and ending with the words "each to continue for two weeks" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Halifax, fifth Monday before first Monday in March, to continue for two weeks; second Monday after first Monday in March, to continue for two weeks, for civil cases only; eighth Monday after first Monday in March, for the trial of criminal cases only, and to last for one week; thirteenth Monday after first Monday in March, to last two weeks, for the trial of civil and criminal cases; third Monday before first Monday in September, to last for two weeks, for the trial of civil and criminal cases; fourth Monday after first Monday in September, to continue for two weeks, for the trial of civil cases only, and for this term of court the Governor is hereby directed to appoint a judge to hold the same from among the regular or emergency judges; twelfth Mon-

Section amended.

Terms of court for Halifax County.

Governor to appoint judge for term.